



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
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EXAMINING GROUP 1631**

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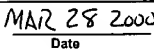
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
(IN RESPONSE TO THE SEPTEMBER 28, 1999 OFFICE ACTION)**

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Please enter this response (Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116) to the Final Office Action mailed on September 28, 1999 in connection with the above-identified application. This response is accompanied by a Request For An Extension Of Time (3 months) and authorization for the fee therefor. With the expected granting of the extension request, this response will be considered as having been timely filed.

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